

Restoration Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2004

Prior to the regular Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting, a public comment meeting was held 7:00-7:25 p.m. at 407 Pershing Court, Fort Riley, Kansas. Public comments addressed the Proposed Plan (PP) for actions at the Former Fire Training Area-Marshall Army Airfield (FFTA-MAAF). A court reporter from the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) office attended to record (and later transcribe) any comments from the public. In addition, MAJ Jeff Buczkowski, Public Affairs Officer, was in attendance.

Mr. B. Craig Phillips opened the official public comment period. Mr. Oral Saulters made a brief presentation on the history and current condition of the FFTA-MAAF site, and the remaining Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) stages left to complete in the project. Mr. Larry Denver stated that he still had a hard time grasping the level of effort and amount of money spent to clean up only a couple of gallons of dry cleaning fluid. Mr. Saulters and Mr. Phillips responded that the IRP team members are dealing with contaminants in the parts per billion range. Some of those compounds are carcinogenic and have been shown to have negative impacts to humans, as a result of long-term exposure. Therefore, the effort and expenditures are justified, Mr. Saulters and Mr. Phillips said.

Ms. Carin Richardson, as a resident of the Rush Creek Area adjacent to Fort Riley, was in attendance. When asked if she wished to enter a comment into the official record, Ms. Richardson stated that she had read the PP for the project on the internet and noted that the conclusion to implement the Monitored Natural Attenuation option was clearly stated and well justified.

Since no others were present to offer any comments about the project, Mr. Phillips officially closed the public comment meeting.

Then Mr. Phillips immediately opened the regular RAB meeting and welcomed those attending.

Mr. Phillips stated that Mr. Chuck Otte would not be able to attend the meeting due to other obligations and asked if there were any administrative remarks. There were no administrative remarks.

Mr. Phillips asked if there were any comments or changes to the minutes of the last RAB meeting. There were none, and he requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Florence Whitebread to approve. Mr. Irwin Hoogheem seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. John Shimp requested input on the Repository Files that are located at local libraries. Mr. Shimp stated that there is limited space for the files provided by the libraries. He recommended that the public would be provided the latest document, a complete list of all the documents, a map showing the Fort Riley's Administrative Library at Building 407, and a point of contact. The members agreed. Mr. Shimp then gave a presentation on range characterization and cleanup.

PROJECT UPDATES

Regional Range Study – Dr. Dick Shields presented information on a visit by the Regional Range Study team. The team members were on the installation to generate data to produce a Quality Assurance Project Plan. They will return in mid-to-late October to acquire stream, ground water, soil, and sediment samples. Four new monitoring wells will be installed, along with the 10 existing monitoring wells. The wells will monitor for munitions components, such as metals, Royal Demolition Explosive, High Melting Explosive, and Trinitrotoluene. The objective of the study is to determine if any of the munitions components are leaving the installation.

354 – The Pilot Study effort at Building 367 has an addendum work plan to complete the treatment, which was prepared by Dr. Shields. The current planned course of action is to excavate the soil to about 12 feet and land farm it in Camp Funston. Once the land-farmed soil is below the RSK value of 180 ug/kg, it will be utilized as cover material at the Campbell Hill Construction/Demolition Debris Landfill. Clean soil will be borrowed from just north of the Southwest Funston Landfill (SFL) to be placed into the excavation and compacted. The area then will be re-paved with 8 inches of asphalt. The addendum work plan will require approval by the EPA and the KDHE. There is a ground-water sampling event planned for mid-September. The Working Draft of the Feasibility Study is expected to be finished in early August. There will be an expedited review to get the draft to the regulatory partners before the end of the fiscal year, which is ahead of the scheduled delivery date. The Working Draft Soil-Gas Survey Work Plan is due by July 23, 2004 to the installation.

FFTA-MAAF – Mr. Saulters talked about the project at the FFTA-MAAF. Both the KDHE and the EPA officially approved the Draft Final Proposed Plan for the project. The IRP team members are working on the Draft Record of Decision. Mr. Saulters noted that this is significant because it is the first project to reach this completion milestone since 1997. Also, he is working with the Corps of Engineers and Burns & McDonnell to install monitoring wells across the Kansas River in the SFL. MAJ Buczkowski asked if there was suspicion that contaminants were traveling under the river, IRP staff confirmed that this was the reason for the placement of the wells.

SFL – Mr. Saulters indicated that Fort Riley and the Corps of Engineers plan to perform the annual cover inspection at the SFL in September.

DCFA – The April 2004 ground-water sampling indicated that PCE concentrations definitely decreased, after being relatively stable for a considerable length of time. In letters dated July 14, 2004, Fort Riley requested permission from the KDHE and the EPA to abandon the piezometers at DCFA and the horse corral. Piezometers have limited value for ground-water sampling and are a potential pathway for contaminants to reach the ground water. As a result of a working session on July 20, 2004, the regulators and Fort Riley have agreed to shorten the schedule by foregoing the Tech Memo and start working on the Feasibility Study.

OB/OD - The surface-water sampling station has been removed, as per discussion with the EPA and the KDHE. The Working Draft of the Tech Memo is due July 23 to the installation. The draft version is due mid-October.

Camp Funston Groundwater – Ms. Andrea Austin commented that the spring 2004 ground-water sampling event was completed. The Data Summary Report will be submitted to Fort Riley on July 22, 2004 for DES review and approval. The next ground-water sampling event is scheduled for September 20 through October 3, 2004. It has been recommended that DES no longer analyze for semi-volatile organic compounds, since those compounds, historically, have not been detected.

POL Tank Farm – Ms. Austin stated that the most recent activity at the POL Tank Farm was the June 2004 ground-water sampling event. The field crew mobilized to Fort Riley on June 28, 2004 to begin sampling activities. Prior to sampling, seven new bladder pumps were installed. Ground-water samples were collected from 10 sampling points including nine POL monitoring wells and one east pond-monitoring well. The free-product recovery system on the west side of the road adjacent to the POL Tank Farm is no longer effective, based on ground water and product levels. There currently are plans to move the system for removal of measurable free product to property within the POL Tank Farm.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

There was a discussion concerning Fort Riley's nesting bald eagles and the possibility that eagles could nest on the surrounding rivers and reservoirs.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be conducted from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Oct 19, 2004 at 407 Pershing Court, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Mr. Larry Denver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Florence Whitebread seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Meeting handouts included:
 July Agenda
 April Meeting Minutes

Table of RAB Member attendance at the last four meetings: "P" signifies the member was present at the meeting, "EA" signifies an excused absence, and "UA" signifies an unexcused absence. "R" indicates the member has resigned.

	RAB Members	Jul 20, 2004	Apr 20, 2004	Jan 20, 2004	Jul 29, 2003	Oct 21, 2003
1.	B. Craig Phillips	P	P	P	P	P
2.	Chuck Otte	EA	P	P	P	P
3.	Bryant Burnett	P	EA	P	EA	P
4.	Rob Weber	P	EA	P	P	P
5.	Harry Hardy	P	P	P	P	EA
6.	Larry Denver	P	EA	EA	P	EA
7.	Wayne Henson	P	P	P	P	P
8.	Steve Higgins	UA	P	EA	UA	P
9.	Irwin Hoogheem	P	UA	P	P	P
10.	Peter Kulakow	UA	P	EA	P	EA
11.	Florence Whitebread	P	P	P	P	P

IRP Members attendees at the July 20, 2004 meeting:

Dr. Richard Shields
 Mr. Oral Saulters
 Mr. John Shimp
 Ms. Andrea Austin
 Ms. Dawn Trotter-Meadows

Non-RAB member attendees at the July 20, 2004 meeting:

MAJ Jeff Buczkowski
 Ms. Carin Richardson